



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Region 9

October 2006 Issue

Data for August 2006
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



The August 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during August. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

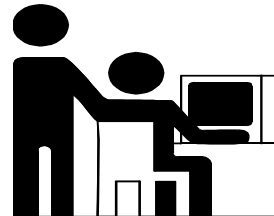
Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 August 2006

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
	Openings	Wage
Production Laborers	29	10.22
All Other Machine Operators	23	11.92
Production Machinery Maint. Mechanics	14	14.03
Home Health Aides	11	9.00
Personal and Home Care Aides	11	9.00
Tool & Die Makers	11	11.00
Cashiers, General	9	8.56
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	9	8.57
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	7	9.55
Production Helpers	7	9.25
Other Service Supervisors	6	10.67
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	6	9.42
Accountants	5	20.15
Assemblers (Factory Work)	5	11.17
Personal Attendants, Private Household	5	9.00
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5	12.83
Truck Drivers, Heavy	5	16.17
Waiters & Waitresses	5	6.54

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

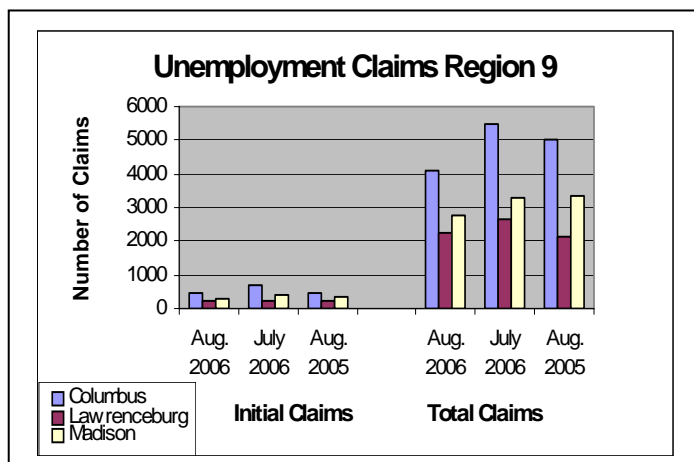


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	August 2006	July 2006	August 2005
Initial Claims			
Columbus	451	691	463
Lawrenceburg	228	254	233
Madison	284	400	326
Total Claims			
Columbus	4,100	5,463	5,024
Lawrenceburg	2,232	2,654	2,121
Madison	2,757	3,294	3,340

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	AUG. 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	152,465,000	145,379,000	7,086,000	4.6	5.0	4.9
Indiana	3,259,700	3,090,700	169,000	5.2	5.5	5.3
Columbus, IN MSA	38,060	36,480	1,580	4.1	4.6	4.5
Bartholomew County	38,060	36,480	1,580	4.1	4.6	4.5
Dearborn County	27,420	25,650	1,770	6.5	6.0	6.4
Decatur County	12,930	12,380	550	4.2	4.5	4.7
Franklin County	12,390	11,610	780	6.3	5.7	6.4
Jackson County	23,010	22,000	1,010	4.4	4.8	4.7
Jefferson County	17,440	16,530	910	5.2	5.5	5.5
Jennings County	14,170	13,380	790	5.5	6.6	6.3
Ohio County	3,310	3,090	220	6.6	5.7	5.2
Ripley County	15,390	14,710	680	4.4	4.9	4.8
Switzerland County	6,035	5,795	240	4.0	4.2	4.6

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The August 2006 data are preliminary data and the August 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – AUG. 2006	COUNTY	AUG. 2006 RATE
78	Bartholomew	4.1
14	Dearborn	6.5
75	Decatur	4.2
18	Franklin	6.3
66	Jackson	4.4
46	Jefferson	5.2
35	Jennings	5.5
12	Ohio	6.6
68	Ripley	4.4
84	Switzerland	4.0

Fayette County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.9 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 3.1 %.

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WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS					
				CHANGE FROM	
	AUG. 2006	JULY 2006	AUG. 2005	JULY 2006	AUG. 2005
(preliminary data)					
Total Nonfarm	43.5	43.2	43.5	300	0
Total Private	37.9	37.9	37.7	0	200
Goods Producing	17.1	17.0	16.9	100	200
Natural Resources / Construction	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	-100
Manufacturing	15.5	15.4	15.2	100	300
Durable Goods	13.5	13.4	103.2	100	300
Service Providing	26.4	26.2	26.6	200	-200
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-100
Retail Trade	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	100
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Information Services	.5	.5	.5	0	0
Financial Activities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	100
Professional & Business Services	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
Educational & Health Services	3.4	3.5	3.5	-100	-100
Leisure & Hospitality Services	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	-100
Other Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Government	5.6	5.3	5.8	300	-200
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.6	.6	.6	0	0
Local Government	4.8	4.5	5.0	300	-200
Local Government Education	1.6	1.3	1.8	300	-200

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